

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method ~~of~~ for interacting with a connected satellite device, the method comprising: ~~the step of:~~
communicating, over a network, with a palmtop computer that is operable by a user to transmit a command, the palmtop computer including an operating system for enabling use of the palmtop computer independent of the device;
receiving, from the palmtop computer over a the network, a signal that corresponds to, the signal sent to the network from a computer responsive to an input, the command;
wherein the signal facilitates the changing at least of a state of the anyone of a plurality of connected satellite devices based on the command, resulting in one or more of the plurality of connected satellite devices being interfaced with the palmtop computer over the network.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1 wherein ~~the each of the plurality of connected satellite devices~~ device is a selected from a group consisting of a television, a video playback device, a video recorder, and an appliance.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the palmtop computer includes a graphical interface.

4. (Currently Amended) ~~A method of interacting with a device coupled to a network comprising the steps of: receiving from a network a signal generated by computer responsive to an input, the signal used to change a state of a device; and~~ The method of claim 1, wherein with a palmtop computer that is operable by a user includes wirelessly transmitting the signal corresponding to the command to onto the network for the a connected satellite device.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4 wherein the connected satellite device is a television, and wherein changing at least a state of the device includes at least

one of (i) changing a channel of the television, (ii) switching the television on, or (iii) causing the television to display a programming guide.

6. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 4, wherein the palmtop computer includes a graphical interface, and a component for establishing a wireless link.

7. (Currently Amended) ~~A~~ A system for interacting with a display device, the system comprising:

for interacting between a palmtop computer connected to a network, wherein the palmtop computer includes an operating system and a graphic user interface, the palmtop computer being operable to receive an input corresponding to a command, and wherein the palmtop computer transmits a signal corresponding to the command over the network;

and a display device wherein the computer and device are connected to a the network, wherein the display device displays multimedia content; ~~the system comprising a computer with a graphical interface and~~

a set-top box receiver provided with the display device, wherein the receiver is configured to receive a television transmission from one of a broadcast or digital cable connection, and wherein the receiver is interconnected to the palmtop computer through the network; ~~wherein the set-top box receives from a network to receive the a signal generated-transmitted by the palmtop computer; responsive to an input,~~

wherein the receiver is configured to receive the signal from the palmtop computer used to change a state of a device, and wherein the set-top box and to transmit transmits the signal to a the display device to change a state of the display device.

8. (Currently Amended) A method for interacting with a display device, the method comprising: a device comprising the steps of:

receiving a a television signal;
displaying content from the television signal on at a first the display device;
while the display device displays the television signal, transmitting an interactive content from the television signal to a palmtop computer using a network; and

displaying the interactive content on the palm top computer, the palmtop computer including a graphic user interface and an operating system, and wherein the interactive content corresponds to the content displayed on the display device; and
processing input corresponding to the user interacting with the content on the palmtop computer. ~~receiving interactive content at a computer, the interactive content corresponding to a signal received at a device; and~~
~~displaying the interactive content on a display of the computer.~~

9. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein the interactive content received at ~~a the~~ palmtop computer is responsive to the television signal received ~~at a for~~ display on the device.

10. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8, wherein displaying the interactive content is simultaneous with ~~the interactive content is received at a computer~~ simultaneous with displaying content from the television signal, ~~received at a device.~~

11. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein the display device is a television.

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 8 wherein receiving the interactive content on the palmtop computer includes receiving the interactive content is ~~received from~~ over a network.

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15. (Currently Amended) A method for interacting with a ~~device~~ television system, the method comprising: comprising the steps of:
transmitting-receiving an interactive television signal to a for use in a television ~~system,~~ wherein the interactive television signal includes an interactive component;
~~device; and~~

transmitting at least a portion of the interactive component ~~interactive content~~ to a palmtop computer using a network; and
receiving an input from the palmtop computer corresponding to the user interacting with the interactive component, wherein the palmtop computer includes a graphic user interface and an operating system, ~~the interactive content corresponding to the signal transmitted to the first device.~~

16. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15, wherein the television system includes ~~wherein the device is a television combined with a separate or integrated set-top box.~~

17. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 15 further comprising displaying the portion of the interactive component ~~interactive content~~ on the ~~second device~~ palmtop computer.

18. (Original) The method of claim 15 wherein the interactive content is received over a network.

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21. (NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein changing at least the state of the device includes one or more of (i) switching the device on, (ii) causing the device to send a communication to another location across the network, and (iii) control a function of the device.

22. (NEW) The method of claim 1, wherein the connected satellite device is a multimedia playback device, and wherein changing at least a state of the device includes causing the playback device to either play or record a particular content.

23. (NEW) The system of claim 7, wherein the receiver is provided by a set-top box.

24. (NEW) The system of claim 7, wherein the receiver is provided with the display device.
25. (NEW) The method of claim 8, wherein receiving a television signal includes receiving an interactive television signal, and wherein displaying an interactive content includes displaying the interactive content from the television signal.
26. (NEW) The method of claim 25, wherein receiving the interactive content from a network includes receiving the interactive content from the Internet.
27. (NEW) The method of claim 17, wherein the interactive component includes a program listing.
28. (NEW) The method of claim 27, wherein the program listing is from an Internet site.
29. (NEW) The method of claim 27, wherein the interactive component corresponds to an electronic program guide.
30. (NEW) A method for interacting with a display device, the method comprising:
receiving an interactive multimedia signal;
displaying a content from the multimedia signal on the display device, wherein the content corresponds to a program;
receiving, from a network, input corresponding to user manipulating a palmtop computer that is in communication with at least one of the display device or the network to interact with events that occur as part of the program.
31. (NEW) The method of claim 30, wherein receiving an interactive multimedia signal is an interactive television signal that is communicated through a broadcast, digital cable connection, or the Internet.

32. (NEW) A method for interacting with a display device, the method comprising:
receiving an interactive, multimedia signal;
displaying a content from the multimedia signal on the display device, wherein the content corresponds to a program;
receiving input from a network corresponding to a user manipulating a palmtop computer that is in wireless communication with the network, wherein the input is interactive with the content, and wherein the palmtop computer includes a graphic user interface and uses an operating system for enabling independent use of the palmtop computer.
33. (NEW) The method of claim 30, wherein receiving an interactive multimedia signal is an interactive television signal that is communicated through a broadcast, digital cable connection, or the Internet.
34. (NEW) A method of interacting with a display device, the method comprising:
receiving an interactive, multimedia signal;
communicating at least a portion of the interactive, multimedia signal to a palmtop computer using wireless communications, wherein the palmtop computer includes a graphic user interface and uses an operating system for enabling independent use of the palmtop computer.
35. (NEW) The method of 34, wherein communicating at least a portion of the interactive, multimedia signal to a palmtop computer is performed while displaying a content from the interactive, multimedia signal on a display device.
36. (NEW) The method of 34, wherein communicating at least a portion of the interactive, multimedia signal to a palmtop computer includes transmitting the portion of the interactive, multimedia signal through a network that includes a wireless link to the palmtop computer.

37. (NEW) The method of 34, wherein communicating at least a portion of the interactive, multimedia signal to a palmtop computer includes wireless transmitting the portion of the interactive, multimedia signal to the palmtop computer.

38. (NEW) A system for providing television content, the system comprising:

a palmtop computer including a graphic user interface and an operating system, the palmtop computer being wirelessly coupled to a network; and

a receiver coupled to the network, wherein the receiver receives a television signal from a provider and communicates at least a portion of the television signal to the palmtop computer using the network.

39. (NEW) The system of claim 38, further comprising a display device for displaying content from the television signal.

40. (NEW) The system of claim 38, wherein the palmtop computer is operable to enable a user to communicate a command for the display device or the receiver.